Working children in Gujarat

1928. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of working children in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the welfare measures being extended to them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Authentic information on child labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the State of Gujarat is 5,23,585.

(c) In the year 1995-96, the districts of Panchmahals & Surat in the State of Gujarat were sanctioned Rs. 6,95,000/- each, for carrying out a Survey and Awareness generation activities, against the evils of child labour. Thereafter, two National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) were sanctioned in each district. However, the projects could not be operationalised by the district administrations.

DG Sets in ESI Dispensaries

†1929. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for installing DG sets in five ESI dispensaries at Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Bhopal and Devas were sent to the employees State Insurance Corporation; if so, the reasons for not installing DG sets in the above dispensaries;

(b) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation has received proposals for sanctioning purchase of equipments under Action Plan 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and releasing necessary funds therefor from Madhya Pradesh; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, by when the sanction and necessary funds are likely to be issued/released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The ESI Corporation has already installed DG sets in ESI Hospitals at Ujjain & Gwalior. The question of installing DG sets at Indore, Bhopal & Devas is under process.

No proposals for purchase of equipments pertaining to the year 2000-2001 has been received from Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. However, a proposal under Action Plan 1999-2000 has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh. The details of the proposal have been called for from Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be processed on its receipt.

Central Manpower Export Promotion Council

1930. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to constitute a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the fresh steps taken to project manpower services that India can offer in major labour markets abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The proposal to set up the Central Manpower Export Promotion Council is under consideration of the Government.

Working Population and EPFO Schemes

1931. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the country's working population and the number thereof covered under the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Schemes; and